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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An organosilicone compound comprising a unit of formula I

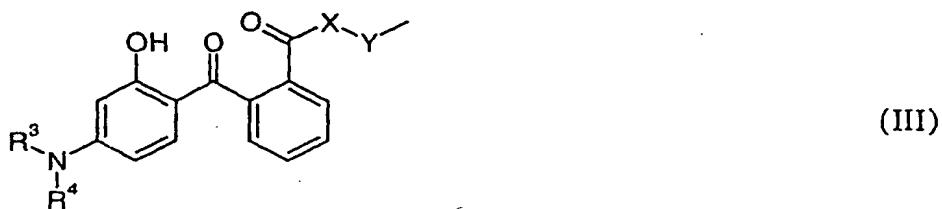


wherein

a is 0, 1 or 2,

R^1 is hydrogen, a saturated or unsaturated C_1-C_{30} hydrocarbon group or a trimethylsilyloxy group; and

Z is an amino substituted hydroxybenzophenone of formula III



wherein

R^3 and R^4 independently are hydrogen, C_1-C_{20} alkyl, C_2-C_{20} alkenyl, C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl or C_3-C_{10} cycloalkenyl or R^3 and R^4 , together with the nitrogen atom they are bound to, form a 5 to 6 membered ring;

X is $-O-$ or $-NR^5-$ wherein R^5 is hydrogen, C_1-C_{20} alkyl, C_2-C_{20} alkenyl, C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl or C_3-C_{10} cycloalkenyl; and

Y is a divalent C_3-C_{12} alkylene or alkenylene chain;

and, optionally, a unit of formula II



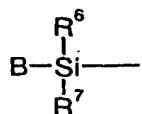
wherein

b is 0, 1, 2, 3; and

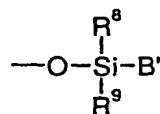
R^2 is hydrogen, a saturated or unsaturated C_1-C_{30} hydrocarbon group or a trimethylsilyloxy group.

2. A linear diorgano-siloxane polymer comprising one structural unit of formula IVa and one structural unit of formula IVb

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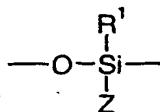


(IVa)



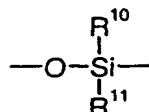
(IVb)

s units of formula IVc



(IVc)

and r units of formula IVd



(IVd)

wherein

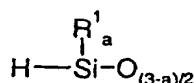
Z is as defined in claim 1;

R¹, R⁶, R⁷, R⁸, R⁹, R¹⁰ and R¹¹ independently are as defined in claim 1 for R²;B and B' independently are a group Z or a group R²;

r is an integer from 0 to 200; and

s is an integer from 0 to 50, wherein at least B or B' is Z when s is 0.

3. A process for the preparation of an organosilicone compound according to claim 1 comprising reacting (hydrosilylating) an organosilicone compound comprising a unit of formula VI



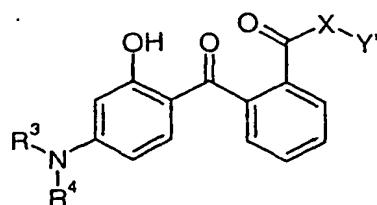
(VI)

wherein

a is 0, 1 or 2; and

R¹ is hydrogen, a saturated or unsaturated C₁-C₃₀hydrocarbon group or a trimethylsilyloxy group;

and, optionally, a unit of formula II according to claim 1, with a compound of formula VII



(VII)

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in which R³, R⁴ and X are as defined in claim 1 and Y' has the same definition as Y in claim 1, but is terminated either with a double or a triple bond.

4. A cosmetic composition comprising an organosilicone compound as in claim 1 together with cosmetically accepted adjuvants and additives.
5. A cosmetic composition comprising an organosilicone compound as in claim 1 for protecting human hair and/or skin against damage in which UVA irradiation plays a role or is implicated.
6. A method to the protection of human hair and/or skin against damage in which UVA irradiation plays a role or is implicated which comprises topically applying an effective amount of an organosilicone compound as in claim 1.
7. Use of an organosilicone compound as in claim 1 for protecting human hair and/or skin against damage in which UVA irradiation plays a role or is implicated.
8. The invention substantially as described hereinbefore, especially with reference to the Examples.
